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G.O. No. 2102

Dated 25.5.50.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Forests - Leases - Softwood for match manufacture - Extension by M/s. Western India Match Co., Ltd. - Chief Conservator's proposals - Orders passed

MADRAS FOREST DEPARTMENT.

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Ref.No. 4604/50-E. Dated: 22nd Apr. 1950.

From
Sri M.Kesavan Unni Nayar I.F.S.,
Chief Conservator of Forests,
Egmore, Madras-8.

To
The Secretary to Government ,
Development Department,
Fort St.George, Madras.

Sir,

Sub: Timber - Softwood - Extraction of - For match manufacture - by the Western India Match Co., Ltd.
Ref: Government Endorsement No.25167-CII/50-1, Development dated 4.4.1950.

In Chief Conservator's Ref.No.3596/50-E1, dated 27.2.1950, I submit a detailed report on the extraction of softwoods by the Western India Match Co., in South Kanara Division during 1949-50 and recommended that in addition to 3,26,602 cft. extracted upto February 1950, the firm may be permitted to extract a further quantity of 70,000 cft., at a ~~xi~~ seigniorage rate of Rs 0-12-0 per cft. for the remaining period of the contract ending 31-3-1950. Government in G.O.Ms No.914, Development, dated 8-3-1950 while approving my proposal increased the rate from Rs.0-12-0 to Rs 1-8-0 per cft. The firm did not agree to the increased rate and did not extract the additional quantity during the currency of the contract.

2. Even in respect of the 1949-50 contract when I proposed a rate of Re.1/- per cft. which Government approved in G.O.Ms.No.1420 Development dated 18th March 1949, the Firm made a detailed representation supported by manufacturing costs for a reduction in rate and in Government Memo. No.44424/CII/49-2, Development, dated 16.5.1949 Government were pleased to approve my proposal to fix the rate at Rs 0.12.0 per cft.

3. The Government of India have on different occasions requested Madras Government to make matchwoods available to the Industries at reasonable rates and I ~~xxxx~~ can see no grounds for charging a rate higher than Rs 0.12.0 per cft. for the matchwoods in South Kanara Division.

4. With reference to Government Endorsement No.31678-CII/50-1, Development, dated 15.4.1950 proposals have been called for from the Conservator, Ootacamund Circle for the leasing of softwoods to the Western India Match Co., during 1950-51 similar to the arrangements made in 1949-50. When these proposals are ready I shall be recommending a rate of Rs 0.12.0 per cft. for the matchwoods in South Kanara Division.

5. Since the 1949-50 contract is closed there is no need to extract, the ~~xxxx~~ 70,000 cft. in question under this contract. Since the trees have been enumerated and kept ready for fellings, I recommend the lease of 70,000 cft. at Rs.0-12-0 per cft., under a fresh contract to be entered into with the Firm for the year 1950-51 so as to enable the firm to start extraction at once and avail of the working season before the outbreak of the South West monsoon. This will ~~xx~~ only be a part supply as their total requirements are stated to be 4 lakhs of ~~xxx~~ cft.

6. I request early orders.

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ABSTRACT.

Forests - Leases - Softwood for match manufacture - Extraction by the Western India Match Company Limited - Chief Conservator's proposals - Orders passed.

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DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

G.O.Ms.No.2102. Dated 25th May 1950.
Read the following:-

G.O.Ms.No.914, Development, dated 8.3.1950.
From the Factory Manager, Western India Match Company, Limited, Petition dated 16.3.1950.
From the Chief Conservator of Forests, Ref.No.4604/50-E, dated 22.4.1950.

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O R D E R:

The Chief Conservator's proposal that the Western India Match Company, Limited be permitted to extract 70,000 cft. of softwoods at Rs. 0.12.0 per cft. instead of at Rs. 1.8.0 per cft. as ordered in G.O.Ms.No.914, Development, dated 8.3.1950, under a fresh contract for 1950-51 is not accepted. The Government however consider that in view of the trade difficulties expressed by the company and in the circumstances reported by the Chief Conservator of Forests, a reasonable rate of seigniorage would be Rs. 1.0.0 per cft. If the Company are prepared to work the contract at that rate, they may be given the lease for extracting 70,000 cft. of softwood under a fresh agreement for 1950-51. But care should be taken to see that in the new agreement to be entered into, the maximum and minimum quantities of softwood to be extracted during the lease period are specifically mentioned and that the maximum is not exceeded.

2. The petitioner is referred to the Chief Conservator of Forests for orders on his petition to the Government of India.

(By Order of the Governor)

(Sd.) x x x,
Secretary to Government.

To The Chief Conservator of Forests, Madras.
To The Accountant-General through the Finance Department.
To The Factory Manager,
Washermanpet. (Para 2 only)

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R Thiagarajan 27.8.56
SUPERINTENDENT,
Madras Record Office,
Madras.

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